

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21-49 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 21, 38 and 48 are allowable over the reference of record because none of these references discloses or can be combined to yield the claimed invention of a capacitance structure including the second capacitance surface part having at least one electrically conductive region between the first metallization plane and the second metallization plane in the insulating layer and is operatively connected to one of the first metallization plane and the second metallization plane where the second capacitance part is in the form of a homogeneous cohesive elevation, wherein the elevation comprises a top wall and side walls, wherein the top wall is oriented perpendicular to the side walls and wherein the side walls and the top wall are in direct contact with the insulating layer.

Claim 49 is allowable over the reference of record because none of these references discloses or can be combined to yield the claimed invention of a capacitance structure wherein the insulating layer is in between the top wall and the one of the first metallization plane and the second metallization plane that is not connected to the electrically conductive region of the second capacitance part. Claims 22-37 and 39-47 contain allowable subject matter by virtue of their dependency.

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